

Rush County Health Board Meeting

Date: May 15, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

Attendees:

Helen Steussy, MD-Health Officer
Tai Morrell, FNP- Chairperson
Kendra Steible
Marge Amos-Nurse

Bruce Levi
Carol Yager – MT
Terri Nigh- Environmentalist
Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Guests

Tim Dingman- Shelby County
Jim Florea and associate –Shirley, IN

Mark Heimsoth- Fayette County

Called meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Meeting with Installers

Terri sent out twenty-six invitations to installers to attend the Board meeting tonight. Out of the twenty-six, only three installers and an associate attended. The board is wanting the installers that work in Rush County to be RCHD Certified. To maintain yearly certification they can either take the installer test that is in the Health Department or attend an Indiana State Department of Health workshop, (ISDH), or Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professional Associates meeting,(IOWPA) in February. Any installer interested in more information can contact Terri Nigh in the Health Department at 765-932-3103.

Old Business:

There was nothing new from the medical staff meeting concerning the Opioid problem.

The drug take back program on the thirtieth of April did really well. They took back over one hundred pounds of medications.

Tai talked with the board members about the meeting she was having on Thursday

May 17, 2018, at 3:00 P.M. She has arranged to meet with the Judges, Prosecutor, the Public Defender, Meridian Health, Centerstone, the Health Department, and the Sheriff's Office, to see what, as a group, could be done to help with the Opioid situation in Rush County.

The board is still attempting to find a way to help with the bike ride in September.

Carol said she would get with Greg concerning improving the website.

Review of Minutes & Departmental Reports:

The April Minutes were presented for review. Tai recommended that the word Doctor should be changed to providers. Bruce moved to accept the minutes, after the correction is made.

Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Nursing, Preparedness, Environmental, and Community Outreach reports. Carol moved to accept the reports. Bruce seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Sherry told the board the finances were doing well.

New Business:

The board told Terri to proceed with the installer RCDH certification, and have the effective date to be June 30, 2018.

Kendra made a motion to approve having installers RCDH certified by June 30, 2018. They can take the test at the health department or be IOWPA certified. Bruce abstained from the vote. Carol seconded. All members (except Bruce) voted to accept. Motion carried.

Terri also told the board that she had received a complaint from Mr. Jerry Stevens about effluent coming over on his property. He thought it was coming from a neighbor's (Mr. Kevin Geise) septic system. She met with Mr. Stevens and he showed her where it was coming over on his property. She arranged to do water samples. She took the samples to the State Department for testing. She received the report, and it did show signs of E.coli and was uncertain whether it was from animal or human. The only way to find out is to do a dye test at the suspected property. She talked with Mr. Geise and asked if she could do a dye test to see if the waste was coming from his septic or from another source. At this time Bruce excused himself from the meeting because he is on the drainage board and he had to hear about the situation at the drainage board meeting. After Bruce left the meeting, Terri told the board that the Geise's had refused to let her do the dye test. The board talked about getting a court order, but didn't have a quorum to make a motion. They asked Bruce to return to the meeting to vote on reconvening the meeting on Saturday May 19, 2018 at 9:00 A.M., Kendra made a motion to reconvene the board meeting on Saturday May 19, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. at the Health Department Carol seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

RUSH COUNTY HEALTH BOARD MEETING

Saturday, May 19, 2018 9:00 A.M.

ATTENDEES:

Tai Morrell, FNP- chairperson
Russell Daugherty, MD
Julie Newhouse-Attorney
Sherry McKinney- Clerical

Carol Yager, MT
Kendra Steible
Marge Amos-Nurse Supervisor
Terri Nigh- Environmentalist

Tai reconvened the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

Tai reminded the board members the purpose of the meeting. They were meeting this morning to vote on getting a court order to be able to perform a dye test at the Geise residence.

Carol made a motion to direct the Health Officer and/or the Environmental Health Specialist to obtain a dye test on the Kevin and Carol Geise property for reasons that they have refused the testing in the last 72 hours, and there has been E.coli found near the culvert of their property. If they refuse, then the board directs either the Health Office or the Environmental Health Specialist to request and obtain a court order to do so based upon the possibility of an imminent and serious threat to them and the public, which could result in a greater health risk. After some discussion, Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Carol also made a motion that if the test from the Geise property is negative that the Hornsby's/Stevens and all adjacent properties be dye tested. Dr. Daugherty seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

Carol moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Daugherty seconded. All members voted to accept. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:50 A.M.

Next Meeting:

June 19, 2018, 7:00 P.M.